(b) to (d) A Primary Health Centre (PHC) is set on for every 30,000 population in plain areas and 20,000 population in hilly and tribal areas. PHCs are funded and maintained by the States under the Minimum Needs Programme.

Statement

The number of Primary Health Centres in Gujarat as on 31-1-93

Sr. No.	Name of District	As on 31-1-93 No. of PHCs
1.	Ahmedabad	45
2.	Amreli	32
3.	Banaskantha	60
4.	Vadodara	66
5.	Bhavnagar	46
6.	Bharuch	45
7.	Valsad	53
8.	Dangs	7
9.	Gandhi Nagar	7
10.	Jamnagar	36
11.	Junagadh	55
12.	Kheda	90
13.	Kutch	37
14.	Mehsana	72
15.	Panchmahals	89
16.	Rajkot	42
17.	Sabarkantha	52
18.	Surat	59
19.	Surendranagar	28
	TOTAL :	921

Deaths Due to Complications from Illegal Abortions

1121. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to report published in the Times of India, New Delhi of June 21, 1993 under the heading "Illegal abortions claim 5 lakhs lives" and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 5 lakh women die in India every year due to complications from illegal abortion;

(b) whether it is also a fact that majority of women who survive such illegal abortions suffer life long health problems;

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the facts and details in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) what steps Central Government/State Governments have taken for the safety of lives of women against the practice of illegal abortions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir. Although exact figures are not available on deaths due to complications of illegal abortions as these are clandestinely performed, it is estimated that about 1.25 lakh women die due to pregnancy related causes out of which abortion is one of the major causes.

(b) Illegal abortions carry a risk of life-long morbidity.

(c) Although State-wise details are not available, according to the report of the Registrar General of India for 1990, it is estimated that about 11.8% of maternal deaths are due to illegal abortions.

(d) Under the provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, a large number of institutions, including private institutions have been recognised to undertake safe abortion. Funds have been released to the State Governments for training medical personnel and for purchase of equipments for medical termination of pregnancy. Rs. 15/- is provided for each case for drugs and dressing. The availability and acceptability of contraceptives is being increased to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

Reforms In Health Policies

1122. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has suggested reforms in health policies in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has so far been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.